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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/014447

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-13 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-5, 7-11 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 6 _____ received by this Authority on 09.09.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
Document 1: JP 59-144614 A			
Document 2: JP 10-292226 A			
Document 3: JP 9-119020 A			
Document 4: JP 60-231815 A			
Document 5: WO 01/53574 A1			
Claims 1 to 5			
<p>Document 1 sets forth a monofilament comprising a vinylidene fluoride resin, with a heightened inherent viscosity and heightened knot strength, and documents 2 to 4 also set forth a monofilament comprising a similar vinylidene fluoride resin, but there is no indication that specific twisting index conditions are satisfied together with a high knot strength. Document 5 indicates that improving knot strength and curling set is an issue which must be addressed, but solutions which can be implemented by increasing inherent viscosity are not suggested.</p>			
<p>Therefore the inventions set forth in claims 1 to 5 are novel and involve an inventive step.</p>			
Claims 6 to 9			
<p>Documents 1 to 5 neither disclose nor suggest that a</p>			

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drawn vinylidene fluoride resin monofilament with a high inherent viscosity is subjected to high-temperature relaxation heat treatment for a specified extremely short period of time.

Therefore the invention set forth in claim 6 is novel and involves an inventive step. In addition, the invention set forth in claims 7 to 9 technically delimits the invention set forth in claim 6, therefore this invention is similarly novel and involves an inventive step.

The fact that claim 9 refers back to claim 9 is clearly a typographical error.

Claims 10 and 11

The invention set forth in claims 10 and 11 is novel and involves an inventive step, in the same way as the invention set forth in claims 1 to 5.